MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.

Mahommedan Inspector of Schools.

312. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who was the controlling officer of the Mahommedan Inspector of Schools at first;

(*b*) when it was that the Mahommedan Inspector was placed under the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) on what grounds it was considered necessary to place the Mahommedan Inspector directly under the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*d*) whether the subjection of the Mahommedan Inspector to the control of the Divisional Inspecting Officers will not minimise his importance and power, considering the fact that he is immediately under the Director of Public Instruction now?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The Deputy Director of Public Instruction.
(*b*) 8th November 1930.
(*c*) As the work of the Mahommedan Inspector related to both English and Vernacular Schools.
(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

Office of Mahommedan Inspector of Schools.

313. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years it is since the office of the Mahommedan Inspector of Schools had been created;

(*b*) whether it is not owing to the insistent demand contained in the successive representations made by the Muslim community that this office was created;

(*c*) whether Government and the Department are aware of the fact that the Muslim community look upon this office as the most effective safeguard for the Muslim educational interests in the State and that the Muslim community is keenly interested in the development and growth of this office and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal for the abolition of the office of the Mahommedan Inspector before the Muslim community is brought on a par with the other communities of the State in educational progress?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14 years.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Government have no information.
(*d*) No.

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